

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] Reference is made to our co-pending US applications 10/817,596 and 10/817,546 claiming priority from United Kingdom Patent Application Nos. 0307930.8 and 0307928.2 of 5th April 2003, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please add the following new paragraph and “Abstract” heading after paragraph [0034]:

Abstract

[0035] A vacuum cleaner is disclosed which comprises a body, fan means within the body for creating an airflow through the cleaner and a separation unit mounted to the body for separating dirt and dust from the airflow. The separation unit comprises a cyclone separator and a filter. The filter is removable from the separation unit when the separation unit is mounted to the body of cleaner.